



## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# Media Alert

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### WORK PLAN FOR I-85 EXPRESS LANES IN DEKALB AND GWINNETT

DULUTH, Ga. – Construction of the new Express Lane System along Interstate 85 continues. As weather permits, lane closures are scheduled to occur during the day and overnight on the Interstate 85 Express Lanes project in DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties.

The work plan requires **nightly** lane closures Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup>. Southbound lane closures will begin at 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. the next day. Northbound lane closures begin at 10 p.m. and continue to 5 a.m. the next day. Lane closures will occur on SR 316 Sunday night if weather permits. This work is to install and test the conduit, cabling, antennas, cameras and other equipment that will operate the tolling network for the State Road and Tollway Authority.

**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup>** A work zone is planned on State Route 316 westbound from 9 p.m. overnight to 5 a.m. closing the HOV lane from I-85 to Sugarloaf Parkway. A second work zone is planned along I-85 south only, from Chamblee Tucker Road to SR 141/Jimmy Carter Blvd. This is a three mile long lane closure.

**Monday, 8<sup>th</sup>** A work zone is planned on I-85 south only from A second work zone is planned along I-85 south only, from Steve Reynolds Blvd to south of Boggs Road.

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup>** A work zone is planned along I-85 south only, from Chamblee Tucker Road to SR 141/Jimmy Carter Blvd. This is a three mile long lane closure. A second work zone is planned on I-85 south only from Boggs Road to SR 120/Duluth Highway.

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup>** A work zone is planned along I-85 south only, from Chamblee Tucker Road to SR 141/Jimmy Carter Blvd. This is a three mile long lane closure. A second work zone is planned along I-85 south only, from Steve Reynolds Blvd to south of Boggs Road.

**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup>** A work zone is planned for I-85 north from Chamblee Tucker Road to SR 140/Jimmy Carter Blvd. This is a three mile long lane closure. A second work zone is planned on I-85 south from Old Norcross Road to SR 120/Duluth Highway. This is a two mile long lane closure.

**No daytime work is planned through Friday, August 12.**

The existing High Occupancy Vehicle lanes on Interstate 85 will continue in operation allowing vehicles with 2 or more people, motorcycles and alternate fuel vehicles to use the lanes until the Express Lane System is opened.

The I-85 Express Lanes Project includes installation of 16 miles of fiber and signage along Interstate Highway 85 between Chamblee Tucker Road and Old Peachtree Road and along State Route 316 between I-85 and Riverside Parkway.

When completed, registered transit buses, motorcycles, alternative fueled vehicles and vehicles with three or more passengers will be allowed to use the inside (left) HOT lane for free, while single- and double-occupant vehicles will be allowed to use the lane if they choose to pay a variably priced toll.

Motorists can access real-time, statewide, route-specific information on accidents, road work, traffic and weather conditions through **Georgia 511** - a free phone, web, and mobile service. By dialing 511, callers also can transfer to operators 24 hours a day to report incidents or request assistance. The system can be used to access transit providers, major airports, rideshare organizations, tourism information and 511 systems in surrounding states. Additionally, 511 is available online or as a hybrid solution via a free download for your smart phone. Georgia DOT partners with sponsors for assistance in funding 511, preserving tax dollars and helping sustain critical services. For more information about 511, its mobile application download, or to learn how to become a sponsor, visit [www.511ga.org](http://www.511ga.org).

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